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Dear Harold,

I wrote you yesterday, but today's Hollywood Reporter had an article I thought you might want to see. It concerns a special that Geraldo Rivera will do on the 25th anniversary of the death of JFK. The part I thought might interest you was the so-called new footage surrounding the events of November 22, 1963, that will be shown. Other than that, the footage from "the trial" of Lee Harvey Oswald is from a Showtime special aired about a year ago. Gerry Spence took the Oswald case (no attempt was made to fill in the gaps in Oswald's life and it's kind of ridiculous to try and defend a man whose life was so muddled with mystery). Vincent Bugliosi was the prosecutor, who got a guilty verdict on the Showtime Special based largely on the same material found in the Warren Report. It was almost as insipid (but not quite) as the ABC movie called "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald" with Lorne Greene and Ben Gazzara. They set Oswald to trial and he refuses to say anything on his defense. Then, on the day of his verdict, Ruby shoots him. It was absurd.

I don't expect much of this special based on the sensationalistic style of Geraldo Rivera. The idea of the trial is a joke, considering we have no idea of how Oswald would defend himself.

Nonetheless, I thought you might want the article and perhaps the file film footage will

be of interest.

Best  
Robert